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Public invited to review proposal on lands nominated for purchase with Las Vegas land sales money

LAS VEGAS --- The Federal land management agencies working together under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act are seeking input on a proposal to spend \$148 million to acquire environmentally sensitive land in Nevada. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) raised the money with its Las Vegas land sales program. The public comment period begins today and continues through March 5.

Land nominations by the public, local government and federal agencies encompass 63,820 acres and would include 23 separate land acquisitions. The BLM, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would then manage those properties. Lands nominated are located in Clark, Elko, Nye, Esmeralda, Washoe and Douglas Counties.

Information about the nominated properties is available on the Internet at www.nv.blm.gov/SNPLMA and at the interagency office for the BLM, the Forest Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas. Those interested may also call the BLM in Las Vegas at (702) 515-5114. In Northern Nevada, the notebook on this proposal will be available at the BLM's Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno.

The money to acquire the properties is raised through the implementation of the 1998 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act that directs the BLM to sell designated public land in the greater Las Vegas Valley to the highest bidder through public auction.

Written comments should be mailed for receipt no later than March 5 to the BLM's Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas NV 89130. Nominated properties will be ranked according to their natural resource values and public

benefits. Once ranked those properties and projects will be made available for public review.

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